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## GW students march for unity, history

BY JARED SHER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Black men from across the country streamed into the District Monday to participate in the Million Man March, making history as the largest civil rights rally in U.S. history.

Men and women of all races joined on The Mall to celebrate a day of prayer and atonement. Hundreds of thousands of people heard stories from eminent scholars and renowned cultural artists.

Akosua Walker, president of GW's Black Peoples' Union, called the day an unqualified success. "What surprised me besides the beauty of the march itself... is that everything was very well organized," she said. "It went superbly well."

Walker said the March helped the United States move forward in race relations, adding that the black separatism at the March was

important so that black men can recognize their problems and move forward.

"The media have perpetuated a lot of fears of detrimental race relations," Walker said. "(Black men) needed to congregate among themselves. In doing that, they're not turning away from black women. They're not turning away from white people. That's only a fear that's been perpetuated by the media and those who don't understand the true mission of the march."

Walker said the BPU recognized the personal nature of the March and encouraged individ-

uals to make their own choices about how to participate. "Experience this for yourself and work things out individually so that we can be a stronger unit and a stronger whole."

For many GW students, the day started with a breakfast and pre-March rally at the Marvin Center. Members of A.N.K.H. Het Auset, a student group dedicated to eradi-



photo by Tyson Trish

GW student Kelecki Egwin



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With the Washington Monument as a backdrop, hundreds of thousands of black men crowded onto The Mall Monday for the Million Man March.

cating white supremacy, addressed a crowd of more than 60 people.

Representatives from the group also tried to turn attention away from a divisive interpretation of the March.

"A lot of people have tried to make this a march of black men against black women," Kelecki Egwin said. "But black women have been the backbone of the black community. Don't let anybody feed you that bullcrap. We're standing here as a symbol to all black men. It's not about divide."

Egwin also addressed the issue of Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam. Organizers of the March met criticism because Farrakhan has been accused of being anti-white and anti-Semitic. Egwin stressed that the message of the March was too important to overlook.

"The message is liberation of black people. Farrakhan has put his life out there as dedication for the black people," he said.

Egwin supported Farrakhan's statements that some Jewish and white Americans are "bloodsuckers," telling the gathering that "if you take from the black community for years... then that's what you are. A parasite feeds off a host."

The representatives told the group that the March marked the rebirth of the revolution for black Americans. They said it symbolized

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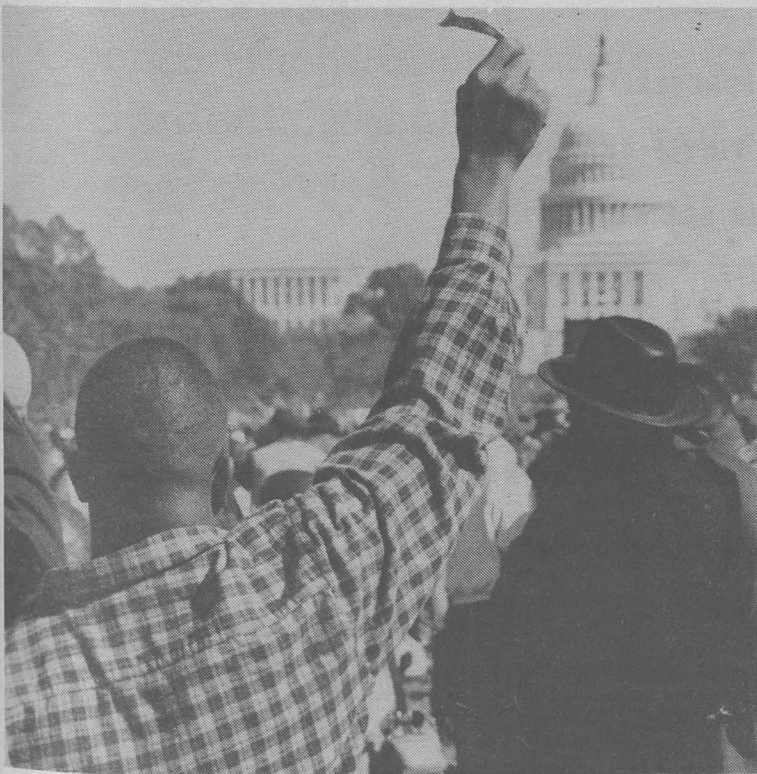


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A man waves a dollar bill as he waits for the collection box. Organizers raised thousands of dollars in donations from the crowd.

## Mr. Henry's gives its final farewell

### GW icon closes after ABC troubles

BY SHANNON JOYCE  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

GW students raised their glasses one last time to a local legend Saturday night as Mr. Henry's Washington Circle bar, 2134 Pennsylvania Avenue, closed after 52 years of business.

Manager Rocky Khazali said the establishment will reopen as an "upscale Mediterranean restaurant," but for many GW students it will never be the same.

"For 50 years students came to GW, graduated and went to Mr. Henry's," Khazali said, commenting on the unique atmosphere of the bar and GW students' affinity for the gathering place. "A 50-year tradition has come to an end," he said.

Mr. Henry's, which was raided recently by Metropolitan Police, has been under investigation by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Khazali said he "cannot conduct business under such scrutiny."

"Students enjoyed Mr. Henry's as freshmen, seniors and graduates," Khazali said, and current GW students echoed his sentiments.

"When I first got here I was really down because I missed my friends," said freshman Dorothy Chatpman. "But then I found Henry's and I knew it would always be there for me, and now it is gone."

"It was nice to have a place to drink that was close to campus and we didn't have to drive to," freshman Alex Sardegna said. She added that "stopping underage drinking is not a realistic goal."

Upperclassmen, although they will miss Henry's, view the closing in a different light. "I don't really care that they're closing - I'm just glad I got to have the Henry's experience as a freshman," sophomore Phaedra Moore said. "It's something I can look back on as part of my freshman learning experience."

"Even though it may not have been the classiest, cheapest or most fun place to go to get a drink, it was still a GW tradition," Student Association undergraduate Sen. Scott Mory (CSAS) added.

GW administrators, however, took a different stand. "Now people will have to spend more time in J Street," quipped Vice President for Student

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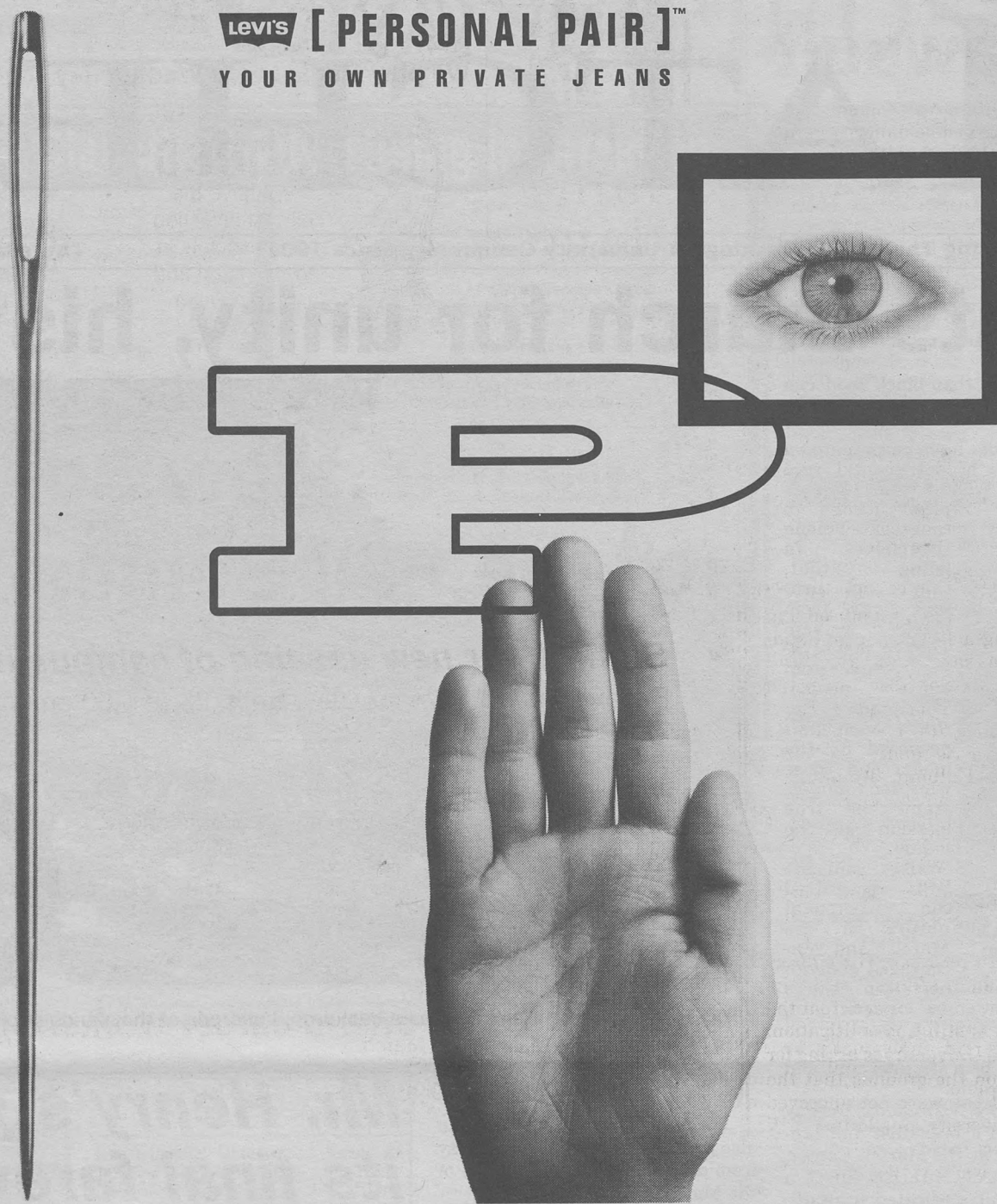
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# Students organize support for lawsuit

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN  
HATCHET REPORTER

Arab and Muslim student groups have expressed anger and disappointment over what they see as GW's refusal to deal with the lawsuit filed against the University by Kuwaiti student Hamad Alqahtani, a GW applicant who says admissions officers racially discriminated against him.

"As members of the University, we do not want to see our school tried for discrimination, but it is our responsibility to support the student (who was treated unfairly)," said Omer Totonji, president of the Muslim Students Association and a member of the Arab Club.

Alqahtani, now a student at Northern Virginia Community College, filed the lawsuit April 6 after he said he was harassed by University administrator E. Donald Driver. He claimed Driver, who GW fired as director of its Office of International Services in 1994, told him he would have to pay \$10,000 or sleep with another male admissions officer in order to be admitted to GW.

When Alqahtani protested, Driver allegedly responded, "All Arabs are rich and homosexual," according to Alqahtani's lawsuit.

After hearing the allegations Alqahtani made against Driver and GW, Totonji said the Arab Club sent a questionnaire to members asking if anyone else had experienced similar discrimination. At least four of those who responded to the anonymous survey said they had experienced similar harassment, Totonji said.

Totonji also said he thought the case might have been handled bet-

ter if Alqahtani was a member of a larger, more visible minority group. "I do not think that the response would have been the same if he was Korean, Jewish or African-American," he said.

"What really upsets us is the University's failure to apologize," Totonji said. "It is inevitable that in a big school, some employees will have racist views, but the University has been more concerned with their public image than with apologizing."

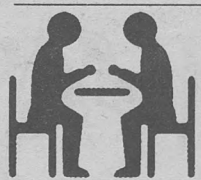
The Arab Club plans to hold a forum for students to discuss and ask questions about the case, Totonji said. Members of the Arab Club also want to meet with GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, Totonji added.

"We can already see the effects of this case," Totonji said, adding that during a recent trip to Saudi Arabia he saw newspaper and magazine articles discussing the Alqahtani case.

"The University has constantly swept this case under the rug," said Haig Kalbian, Alqahtani's lawyer. "There have been no investigations by the University, and it is high time that Trachtenberg and crew start taking responsibility."

"We feel confident that a jury will be sympathetic to this case," Kalbian added.

Michael Freedman, GW's director of public affairs, said the University cannot comment on the case, as it is still under litigation. He said the University is asking for dismissal on the grounds that the alleged actions were not approved by the University. In addition, GW said in court papers that Alqahtani may not have met the admissions criteria regardless of harassment.



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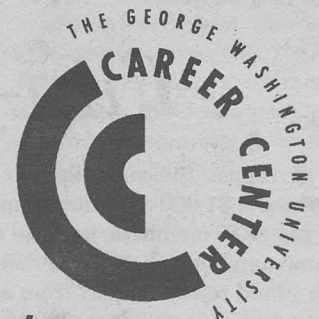
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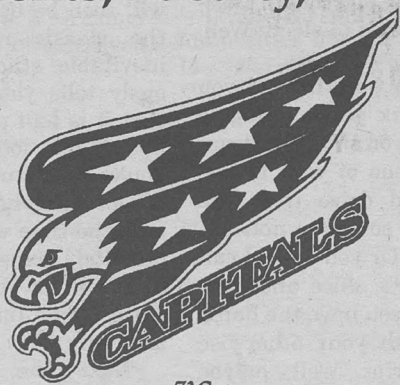
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## Last call

After 52 years, Mr. Henry's has closed its doors after scrutiny from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Proprietor Rocky Khazali says the GW institution will be closed for three to four weeks before reopening as a Middle Eastern restaurant.

But it will never be Mr. Henry's again.

The neighborhood icon has been much more than a bar to the students of GW. For many students, if not most, a night at Mr. Henry's was the first night out at college. It offered a safe, convenient place to spend a night out. Rocky has become a familiar face to hundreds of GW students, past and present. No bar could last for more than 50 years and be adopted by an entire community solely on the virtue of its drinks. Henry's survived because it offered camaraderie.

But its departure highlights a noticeable lack of GW gathering places, such as pubs in nearby, GW-owned buildings like Henry's or the also-departed Red Lion. Now, more students will exercise the option to head further away from campus to go out, putting themselves at greater risk. These establishments not only offered students a nearby drinking option, but fostered as much or more campus community as all of the banners, busts and signs the University has erected across campus.

So raise your glasses in a toast to Mr. Henry's, in appreciation for its service and in the hopes GW will take steps to fill the hole it has left in the neighborhood.

## Flip-flop

In August, the campaign to elect Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) president returned a \$1,000 donation from the Log Cabin Republicans, a group of gay GOP members, because of their "agenda." Never mind that Dole's campaign had solicited the donation. Try to overlook questions of why Dole would reject support from a group that marches under the same party banner as he does. The real twist came Tuesday, when Dole's campaign said it had made a mistake in returning the check.

Remember, this behavior is coming from the man who repeatedly criticizes President Clinton of flip-flopping.

Dole's behavior provides further evidence as to why his support among Republicans is a mile wide and an inch deep. His status as the front runner for the GOP presidential nomination has been taken as something of a birthright. Consequently, Dole seems to be devoting himself fully to maintaining that lead, even though it has him pandering to centrist Republicans, then appealing to the party's vocal contingent on the far right and heading back again without ever taking a stand. The senator wants to outflank his more conservative opponents — Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan among them — to secure the party nomination, but remain moderate enough to win the presidency. It could threaten to alienate everyone who might support him.

Dole would do well to remember the mistakes of the 1992 Republican National Convention, where the party's far-right message came across as threatening and exclusive, and provided Clinton with a huge boost. He would also do well to stop his campaign practice of acting centrist while constantly looking to one segment of the party for approval. If he doesn't, Dole will be needing all the support he had once rejected, and then some.

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## The midterm blues: Another semester, another all-nighter

It's late at night and you still haven't finished studying for your upcoming exam.

The first hour rolls by and you still haven't put a dent in the material. The second hour comes and goes and you are beginning to get the hang of it, but the coffee and/or speed that has been keeping you going is starting to wear off. During the third hour, after various other attempts to keep yourself up (like periodically slapping yourself) have failed, you are posed with the dilemma of what to do: to sleep or not to sleep? And you think, "I haven't read the material for this class for weeks, and if I don't study for it now, I'm likely to have to take this god-awful class again."

And then you decide you don't even have a choice: stay awake or fail.

There is a certain futility to the all-nighter. As you battle the sleep gods by holding your eyelids up with your pencil's eraser and try desperately to stay interested in the lifestyles of the dead and famous, you begin to notice your thoughts wander miles away from the topics at hand.

A plane flies by your window, and you think, "Oh, wouldn't it be nice to be on that plane right now, flying back home to the parents or possibly somewhere even more pleasant?" You imagine seeing all your friends who decided never to go to college and who right now seem to have the better life for it,

and suddenly the prospects of being a car wash attendant seem so attractive, so blissfully stress-free.

And then, *bang*, your head hits the desk and you realize a half an hour has gone by since you've turned the page. You should just go to sleep but you can't let yourself do it.

To keep yourself awake, you flip your pen around your fingers, you twitch your knees in that annoying earthquake-simulating nervous

And just as you're about to give up and go to sleep you remember someone once told you when you sleep you lose 80 percent of your short-term memory. And you figure if that happens you will have forgotten more than you ever knew about the subject.

So instead, you get up and decide to roam around the hallways for a while to see if anyone else shares your examination anxiety. And when you find someone, you and the fellow sufferer get into a big argument about who has more work to do and who has the harder classes and whose life sucks more right now. And after about another hour of trying and not getting your partner-in-distress to feel sorry for you, you drag your feet and your bloodshot eyes back to your room and the dreaded textbook.

And just as you are feeling it must be daylight and exam time will soon be upon you, the guy on the classic radio station (the inevitable study music) ambiguously tells you in his bass voice that it is half past the hour. What hour? You look at your watch. You've been studying (albeit on and off) for seven hours now, and at the tone the time will be 2:30 a.m. It's definitely going to be a long night. That's when you decide to take a little nap. Just a little one ... zzzzzzz.

Next time, you promise yourself, you will start studying earlier. Yeah, right. Famous last words. I'll see you back here during finals.

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habit and you even read everything out loud, thinking you couldn't possibly drone yourself to sleep. Well, think again.

Another hour goes by and you really don't think you're going to make it. Maybe you should just run away, get into one of your housemate's cars and drive it to the Bahamas (okay, so you're not taking geography). Or you should call up the registrar's office and drop the class before you have the hated grade to blemish your otherwise spotless transcript. Well, maybe not spotless, but not as overly spoty as this grade would probably make it.

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# OPINION

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Columbus daze

It's that time of the year when the historical revisionists get up on their hind legs and distort the past yet again (The GW Hatchet, "Students protest Columbus holiday," Oct. 12, p. 11).

Uninformed students overlook the actual goals of an early explorer, disparage the memory of this humble servant of God and totally pervert the true reason for a national celebration. The misinformed blame one man for all the ills visited upon the "indigenous peoples" of the entire western hemisphere for the past 500 years. Let's be real.

Christopher Columbus had three goals: find a trade route to the Far East, prove to others that the world was round and make a living in his profession as a navigator so that his family wouldn't starve.

Columbus didn't prove the world was round; he didn't even find a direct trade route to India. However, he did take the first crucial steps toward achieving both these goals. No one else had dared to try — except perhaps a couple of Vikings who failed to tell others.

As for making a living and taking care of his family, he tried valiantly. He even ventured back to the New World two more times to fulfill this goal. But for all his efforts he hardly profited and instead died quite destitute.

The western hemisphere could not remain hidden forever. Someone would have sailed across either ocean and come upon it. But Columbus did it in an age when most people were convinced the world was flat and its edges were very real. To even think the world was round made you a dreamer and to say it out loud branded you a fool.

Columbus, however, did not bow down in the face of public scorn for advancing his beliefs. He persevered against tremendous odds. He took up the awesome risks that come with such an undertaking. He chanced to dream and conquered all dangers along the way. A national holiday is a fitting way to celebrate these human traits. Such are the true reasons for Columbus Day.

Upon finding land, Columbus's first thoughts were to thank God, not to ask where the closest village was to plunder and burn and enslave its inhabitants. Upon discovering its inhabitants, he marveled at their respect and affectionately described them as "noble creatures of God." He did not shoot them on sight. He sought to convert them to Christianity for their eternal salvation, not to oppress and enslave them. He was so impressed with the native folks that he brought some back to Europe with him — not in chains as slaves but as free people.

Now, perhaps to some misguided, modern people, Columbus' arrival marked the end of a pristine "Garden of Eden" that encompassed two whole continents — the male counterpart to Eve shoving the forbidden apple down the throats of millions of innocents.

But the original inhabitants proved time and again that they were just as ready to use the bow and arrow to assault each other as they were to hunt their dinner. They were also well practiced in the art of enslaving one another. How else did 500 distinct tribes come to exist in the Americas before the Europeans ever set foot on these shores? How else could early colonists play one frontier tribe against another if inter-tribal animosities did not already exist? Is "warrior" a post-Columbus

term? Was the peace pipe tradition started by Europeans? Certainly not.

Some charge Columbus with the deaths of millions due to viruses and diseases he and his crews knowingly brought to the New World. This is sheer nonsense. He had no idea of the danger his mere presence brought. He was a navigator, not a doctor.

Columbus never proposed Europeans devastate his discovery. He never promoted oppression and subjugation of its peoples. Remember, he tried to convert them to Christianity fearing for their eternal souls. Perhaps this was a naïve outlook on his part, but he was a Christian explorer who emblazoned his mainsails with the cross of Christ. He was not an astute politician or policy wonk. Should we blame him for the later ideas of manifest destiny?

To heap fault upon Columbus for all the sins of those who followed just excuses those cruel, evil, malicious men and women from their responsibility for their actions. The same erroneous logic that wrongly accuses Columbus for the transgressions of others would similarly blame Orville and Wilbur Wright for the Challenger explosion while simultaneously crediting them for sending our men to the moon. After all, they got mankind off the ground.

The real purpose of Columbus Day is a celebration of raw human courage. Courage that set sail in three puny boats across the wide unknown ocean in pursuit of progress. The kind of courage that forces to the forefront of our human condition the imagination to dream, the intellect to reason and the bravery to overcome fear of the unknown so that we might discover our truest potential.

—Chris Edwards

## PSU picking wrong death penalty martyr in Mumia Abu-Jamal

Last Wednesday, the Progressive Student Union held a rally in support of a cop killer. His name is Mumia Abu-Jamal.

In 1982, he was convicted of murdering a Philadelphia policeman, Officer Daniel Faulkner. The details of this cold-blooded murder are frightening. On Dec. 9, 1981, Faulkner, a 26-year-old uniformed police officer, stopped a car driven by Abu-Jamal's brother in West Philadelphia. The driver began to struggle with Faulkner when Abu-Jamal arrived and put a bullet in the young police officer's back.

As he fell, Officer Faulkner managed to get a shot off and hit his assailant, but it was not enough. Abu-Jamal turned the paralyzed officer over and put a bullet in between his eyes. The gun that fired the fatal shot was registered in his name.

Numerous witnesses came forth and testified that Abu-Jamal was, in fact, the murderer. And a bi-racial jury convicted him of first degree murder and sentenced him to death. To this day, Mumia Abu-Jamal has never denied the facts as illustrated in this article.

So why are we talking about this cop killer? The reason is simple and unfortunate. Abu-Jamal was sentenced to die this year and those who want to abolish the death penalty have chosen him as their poster boy. They claim that he is a victim of a racist judicial system that has condemned him because of the color of his skin.

I saw these supporters every day this summer. They would sit in front of Philadelphia's City Hall and play Abu-Jamal's tape-recorded messages from jail. Note that the speeches were about migrant workers in Mexico and the assassination of Malcolm X — he discusses anything but his own murderous acts. Seemingly oblivious to the gruesome facts in the case,

Abu-Jamal's supporters are using him as a means by which they can advance their own agenda (whatever that may be).

While all of this is happening, Daniel Faulkner's widow remains stunned that people would support such a man. And I am saddened that the hysteria of this case has found its way to GW.

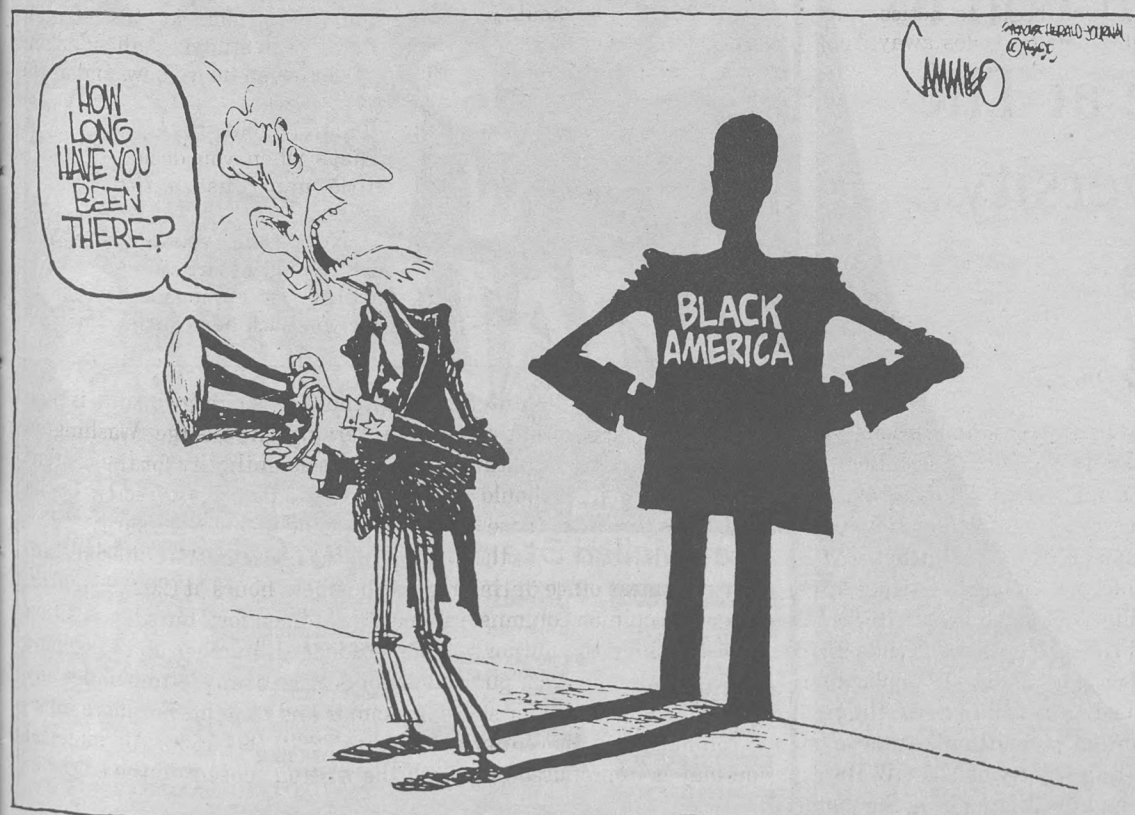
I don't know exactly how to react to the actions of the Progressive Student Union on this matter. They obviously haven't looked in earnest at the facts in this case — even The New York Times, a paper adamantly opposed to the death penalty, has pointed out that "those who want to abolish the death penalty should be careful about attaching their cause to a man such as Mumia Abu-Jamal."

Forget that the PSU should question the morals of supporting this murderer. They should also be cautious about attaching their cause to a cop killer, a man that any unbiased follower of this case knows is guilty.

Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham put it best when asked about the Abu-Jamal case. "It is troubling," she said, "not because the 'system' convicted an innocent man, but because it shows how easily the truth can be lost."

The debate over the death penalty has raged in America for two generations. Detractors should not cheapen this debate by supporting a man such as Mumia Abu-Jamal. The Progressive Student Union should not undermine its credibility by standing up for a man who killed a Philadelphia police officer in cold blood. Let's put Mr. Abu-Jamal out of the picture and get on with the real debate.

—Thomas C. Bogle is a sophomore majoring in political science.



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## National Law Center changes name

What's in a name? This is the question administrators within the National Law Center asked themselves when they recently changed the name to the George Washington Law School.

"Alumni and faculty felt that the name 'The National Law Center' was pretentious and unclear," law school Dean Jack Friedenthal said.

The change "makes the name much more representative of what the school really is," he added. "The change does not mean there are changes being made within the school."

The change was not voted upon formally, but was agreed to by GW and law school administrators. The new name will be phased in gradually. Friedenthal said stationery and other materials already printed with the old name will still be used, and any new materials will use the new name.

"Many will still refer to the school as 'The National Law Center,' and it doesn't really matter ... it's the same school with just a different name," he said.

—Angela Vitale

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## Rush numbers rise despite new date

BY AMY MAIO  
HATCHET REPORTER

Putting fraternity and sorority rush off for a few weeks this year did not cause a dropoff in new pledges, but leaders of Greek-letter groups still said there are a few problems with the new date.

Traditionally held in September, rush was moved this year to the first two weeks of October as a compromise between GW administrators and Greek-letter organizations. The administration wanted to defer rush to the spring semester to allow freshmen the opportunity to get settled in, but after protest from the Greek-letter community, it was decided rush would be held in October.

Leah Rosen, president of the Panhellenic Association, said she was concerned the move would affect the number of women who came out for rush. Based on the numbers — Rosen estimated about 170 women rushed — this was not the case.

"The quality of the girls was incredible," Rosen said. "We had four houses with 19 pledges. Those are the highest numbers a single house has registered since 1992."

Although the move posed problems — rush fell during midterms and Family Weekend — Rosen said

the high visibility of fraternity and sorority events during September probably helped keep students interested.

"There were so many articles in The Hatchet about us, and Greek Week was the week before" rush began, Rosen pointed out. The publicity also may have caused some girls who originally had no intention of rushing to come out, she added.

For the most part, Rosen said, the houses are pleased with this year's outcome. "There's a lot of positive feelings, and the houses are happy with their pledge classes," she said.

As far as the fraternities' success, the feelings are mixed, according to Nathan Spatz, vice president of fraternity rush for the Interfraternity Council. On the whole, Spatz said, the houses are satisfied with this year's process.

"Ninety-one (freshmen) went Greek, which is about the same as last year," he said. However, like Rosen, Spatz pointed out the numerous problems the move caused. In addition to occurring during midterms, fraternity rush fell during Yom Kippur and Columbus Day.

"A lot of fraternities expressed they had problems," Spatz said. "It fell at a bad time, but we had no choice."

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# D.C. NEWS

## Arena supporters finally break ground

**MCI Center to open doors in fall 1997**

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Abe Pollin is finally getting his downtown sports arena.

The owner of the Washington Bullets basketball and Capitals hockey teams joined D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (D) and other civic and business leaders Wednesday morning to break ground at the future site of the MCI Center.

The 20,000-seat arena, scheduled to open in the fall of 1997, will be built on G Street between 6th and 7th streets, at the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro station.

"Today, we embark on a great and exciting journey," Pollin told a crowd of more than 500 people at the groundbreaking site. "Two years from today, the MCI Center will open its doors to a whole new way of life in Washington."

MCI Chairman Burt Roberts was also on hand to bless the project, promising the arena will make use of the latest technology to entertain the crowds which come to watch the Bullets and Caps, concerts and other events.

Backers of the project praised the partnership between MCI,

Pollin and the District, with Roberts calling it "a world-class example" of such a public-private enterprise.

Supporters of the arena also say it will bring much-needed economic development to the downtown area. "We want downtown ... to be vibrant," Barry said. "This is not just about bricks and mortar."

He said the arena's builders will employ 400 construction workers and have agreed to give District residents the first chances at those jobs. The finished arena will employ 750 workers.

Barry also said the city estimates it will receive as much as \$400 million more per year in additional tax revenue, both from the arena and from businesses which move into the area.

"I'm ready to move some dirt!" a spirited Barry exclaimed to cheers from the crowd, and city leaders took shovels in hand. Pollin and Barry even hopped into a bulldozer on the site for a few minutes.

Bringing the arena to downtown has not been a simple process for Pollin, whose quest to build has been interrupted several times by competitors and the courts.



photo by Tyson Trish

**Bullets and Capitals owner Abe Pollin and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry break ground for the MCI Center.**

"It has not been easy," Barry said. "We have so many regulatory bodies around here." The arena had to be approved by Congress, the National Capital Planning Commission and the D.C. Council before it could be built.

City workers also had to be moved out of two buildings on the site so those buildings could be demolished. The buildings those workers were scheduled to move into, however, were in such poor

shape that the move almost didn't take place. Barry said the move was probably "the toughest part" of clearing the way for the arena.

Then Judge Linda Turner Hamilton placed an injunction last week on the building process, saying the city had not gone through proper bidding procedures. Black Entertainment Television Executive Robert Johnson, who wanted to fund and build the arena

himself, filed the complaint which led to the injunction.

But after a series of negotiations and hearings last week, Hamilton allowed the groundbreaking to go ahead - a lucky break for Pollin, who had said he would not build the arena at all if he was not allowed to break ground Oct. 18 as scheduled.

"I want to thank Judge Hamilton, too," Barry said to laughter from the crowd.

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# impressions

## Green Day's new release will keep you up nights

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

I really like Green Day. There, I've said it, now everyone can label me as a sell-out and a softie. The thing I've always liked about Green Day is the snottiness, the attitude and the songs' pace. For some reason, I think of them as the kids of the Ramones.

Green Day has this way of holding up its middle finger to the world, and its new album, *Insomniac* (Sire) is certainly no exception.

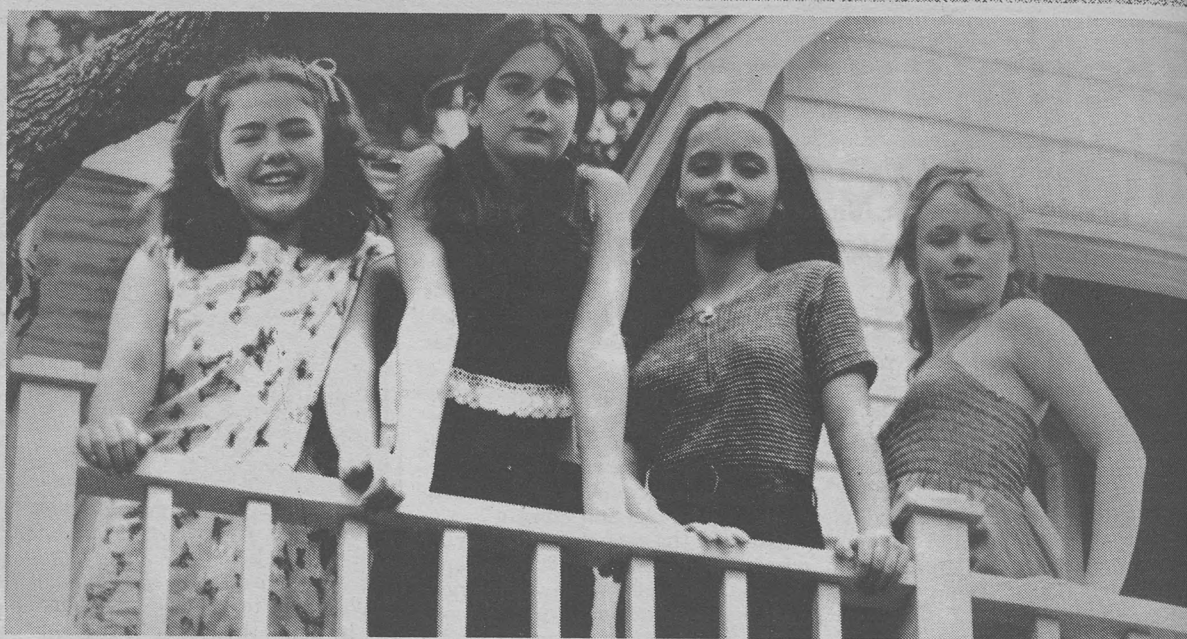
The album follows in the tradition of Green Day's smash album *Dookie*. The songs are loud and fast and the band doesn't waste a second in giving the listener a full sonic assault.

*Insomniac* gives the listener a sort of rush much needed during an all-nighter for mid-terms or finals. Clocking in at just over a half-hour, the album starts out with "Armatage Shanks," complete with stun guitar and pounding drums. A couple of gems will surely be played to death on the radio, among them "Pride" and the current single "Geek Stink Breath." Although there aren't any songs as immediately grabbing as "Basket Case," there are still several that are catchy, tuneful and yes, even melodious.

Only after *Insomniac*'s track 10 or so do the songs start sounding alike. Green Day made a wise decision to end the album after 14 songs. The band's sense of humor is in top form, especially on songs like "Brat" and "Bab's Uvula Who?" But most of the songs focus on the band's family dysfunctions. It is also quite obvious by the frenetic pace of the songs that they were on some kind of narcotic.

Listeners will inevitably compare *Insomniac* to *Dookie*, much like Nirvana's *Nevermind* was compared to *In Utero*. *Insomniac* is not a bad album, but not as good as the unexpectedly successful *Dookie*. With it, Green Day is probably just trying to cope as a punk band in a commercial/corporate rock world, showing fans they don't want to be sell-outs by writing another "Longview."

But those quips aside, *Insomniac* is still a shocker of an album, and certainly a worthy successor to *Dookie*. And it is definitely a great study break album. Most die-hard Green Day fans probably won't be disappointed.



Haven't we seen this before? Four friends grow up and out in the '60s in *Now & Then*.

## Whiny young actresses bike endlessly through familiar plot

*Now & Then* looks strangely like another coming-of-age film

BY TRYG OLSEN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

I didn't really understand *Stand By Me* when it first came out. Since I didn't do so well with the "growing up" movie for my own gender, it's amazing I understood *Now & Then* (New Line Cinema) at all.

Demi Moore, Melanie Griffith, Rita Wilson and Rosie O'Donnell star as the adult versions of four best friends. Four young actresses play their adolescent alter-egos. The movie (I think) is about the friends' last summer together as youths, before they had to grow up. The problem is that the movie ends up being about the summer they all grew apart.

Moore and Gaby Hoffman play Samantha, both with an overload of pent-up angst. Griffith and Thora Birch play Tina/Teeny, who is concerned mostly with breast shape and texture. Birch amusingly spends much of the movie talking about what works better as fake breasts, pudding or Jell-o.

O'Donnell and Christina Ricci (*Casper*) play Roberta. Ricci is really impressive in *Now & Then*. The young and old Roberta is the only truly likable character in the entire movie.

The last of the foursome is Chrissy, played by Rita Wilson (*Sleepless in Seattle*) and Ashleigh Aston Moore. She is another really annoying character, but Wilson and Aston Moore both whine well. It's startling to see how much the two actresses resemble each other.

The basic gist of this movie is a cross between *Thelma and Louise* and *Stand by Me*. The four girls do basic adolescent stuff, not gender-oriented stuff. They

ride their bikes. They save money to buy a treehouse. They ride their bikes. They play Truth or Dare. They ride their bikes.

Did I mention they ride their bikes? In a shameless ploy to pad the soundtrack, the film includes at least 10 minutes of four girls riding their bikes.

The intertwining plot throughout the movie is the death of Dear Johnny, a boy they stumble upon during a graveyard séance. The four girls go to the graveyard and find a suitable headstone. A bit too much like *Stand By Me*, the characters embark on a mission to find out what happened to poor Johnny.

This boy eventually drives the foursome apart. They believe in the supernatural, that they brought Johnny back from the grave, but eventually find out that it's a hoax.

The four go their separate ways in adulthood: Samantha becomes a science fiction writer; Tina becomes a big TV star; Chrissy marries a dork and becomes a home-maker; and Roberta becomes the town doctor. Then comes the tear-filled reunion ... blah, blah, blah.

*Now & Then* has nothing original in it. It tries to do new things with the characters, but I ended up hating all of them except Roberta, the tomboy and only believable character in the movie.

I really tried to look at this movie from a female perspective, but *Now & Then* just doesn't cut it no matter what your gender. Except for cameos by stars like Janeane Garofalo, Brendan Fraser, Lolita Davidovich and Cloris Leachman, this movie goes absolutely nowhere. And you shouldn't go see it, either.

## P.M. Dawn goes off deep end on album

BY TRYG OLSEN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER



P.M. Dawn takes itself and its music seriously.

ing. Then, all of a sudden ...

In a fit of remembrance track eight is 21 seconds of silence — unexplained silence recorded at the grave of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Like I said, expect the unexpected.

Basically, this album is standard for P.M. Dawn. Nothing is drastically different in *Jesus Wept* in comparison to *Of The Heart*, *Of the Soul*, *Of the Cross: The Utopian Experience* or *The Bliss Album*. *Jesus Wept* is arranged and produced by P.M. Dawn. It's a little newer, and a little more colorful, but that's it.

Just like always, P.M. Dawn has its wacky song titles, like "Apathy ... Superstar?" and "My own personal gravity" to go with its unique music. The only thing that warrants a warning is the duo's habit of infusing its own philosophical thought through the songs on *Jesus Wept*. If you're not into or don't understand their music or their philosophical tenets, you'll hate this album.

In that case, your money might be better spent on Plato's *Republic*.

Ladies and gentlemen, P.M. Dawn has released a third album. Yes, the dynamic duo that created its own kind of music four years ago brings its wacky style back for another run.

The Cordes brothers, from Jersey City, N.J., have designed another album that totally blurs the lines between pop, alternative and R&B. It is titled *Jesus Wept* (Gee Street/Island), so you have to be ready for anything.

*Jesus Wept* opens with Marvin Gaye's voice explaining God. Gaye says, "A true artist wants to do the will of God." Then, after some other creepy music, Linus Van Pelt reads a letter to the Great Pumpkin.

The album then moves into the first single, "Downtown Venus." Groovy and peppy, the song starts *Jesus Wept* moving quickly and smoothly. "Downtown Venus" actually begins with a bit from the old "Dennis the Menace" TV series. It also features a sample from Deep Purple's "Hush."

*Jesus Wept* then moves on pretty much the way the past two P.M. Dawn albums have, with creamy ballads and peppy songs that seem to sound best when you're drink-

## Ballanchine ballet at Kennedy Center

In honor of her legendary New York City Ballet mentor George Ballanchine, Suzanne Farrell directs a diverse all-Ballanchine program at the Kennedy Center for a limited engagement this week. The show includes the masterpieces *Mozartiana*, *Chaconne* and *Tzigane*, which Ballanchine choreographed for Farrell.

Farrell performed with the New York City Ballet for 20 years and has danced in more than 110 roles. She has been in residence at the Kennedy Center for the past two summers, working with specially auditioned area ballet students. *Suzanne Farrell's all-Ballanchine program continues at the Kennedy Center through Oct. 22. For information or tickets, call (202) 467-4600.*

—Karen D. Ancillai



Farrell and Hagop Kharatian rehearse for the upcoming show.



## SPOTLIGHT

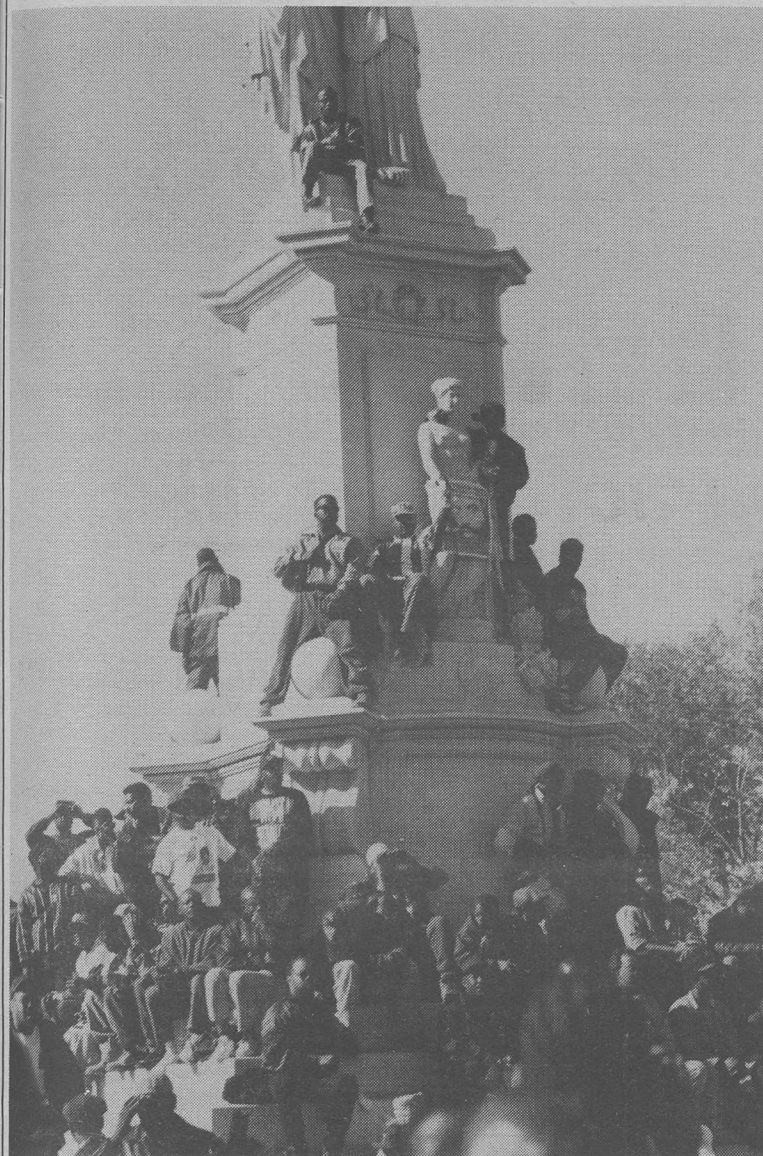
**Black men converge on Mall for historic day****D.C. hosts largest civil rights rally in history**

photo by Tyson Trish  
Men gather around the Victory Statue during Monday's Million Man March.

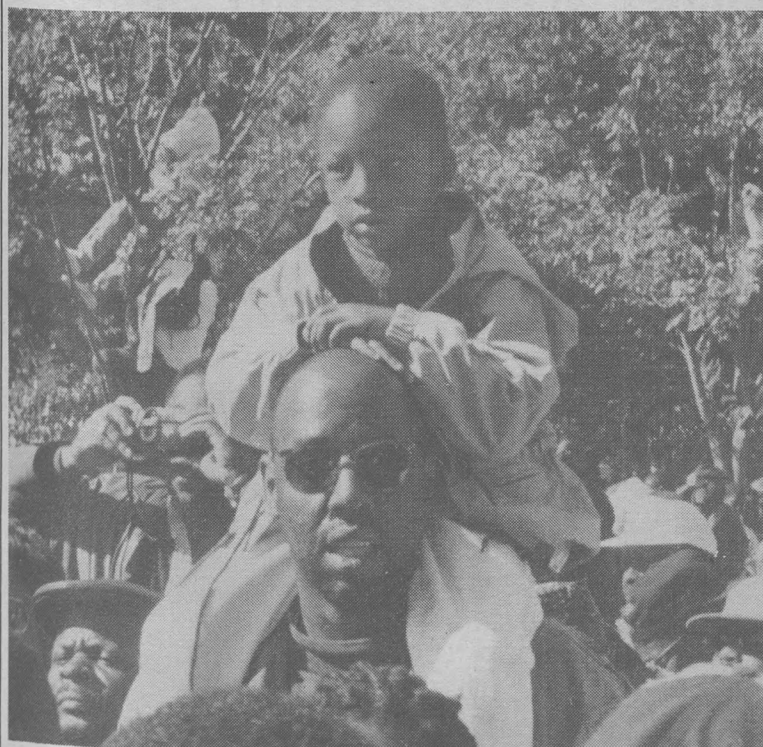


photo by Kate Brooks  
A father and son share a day of atonement.

**GSPM honors slain student with candlelight vigil****Violence prevention group formed in name of Meredith Miller**

BY MICHELLE VON EUW  
FEATURES EDITOR

With briefcases and bookbags held high to protect their candles' flames from the cold night air, 35 graduate students marched through campus in silence, honoring the memory of Meredith E. Miller.

Miller was a first-year student in the Graduate School of Political Management when she was murdered outside her Crystal City, Va., home one year ago Tuesday night.

"We'd like to keep her memory alive by doing this," GSPM student Robert Thorman said.

The vigil was the kick-off event of MPROVE — the Meredith Miller Project on Violence — formed by several graduate students. The founders describe the organization as one that will search for solutions to violence.

MPROVE will encompass a variety of issues, Project Director Kristin Bertolina said. "We hope to work with other groups on campus" to prevent violent acts, she added.

Most of the students gathered were GSPM students, many of whom knew Miller briefly. Michael Lustig explained that Miller had only been at GW about eight weeks before she was murdered. He described the GSPM program as one that was "very small, very social. Meredith was someone that most people recognized, most people knew."

The vigil began outside the

Academic Center. Hugs and quiet greetings were exchanged as small round candles were distributed and lit. "Tonight, we honor the memory of a friend who touched our lives," Thorman began.

After a few words, the group proceeded slowly in silence down I Street. As the night wind extinguished some students' candles, others paused to relight the flames. The procession took up almost half a block as the students made their way around to the Rose Garden, behind Monroe Hall.

There, GSPM professor Barry Rubin and student Ed Gehres spoke of the impression Miller made on their lives.

"We lost Meredith a year ago tonight, but we still have her with us," Rubin said. He lauded the students' dedication to keep Miller's memory alive with their knowledge, resources and experience.

Gehres read from a poem he wrote for last year's memorial service for Miller.

"Like all of us, Meredith came to Washington with dreams," he said. "She spent every day chasing opportunities to fulfill those dreams."

Miller, who was 23, graduated from Princeton University in 1993. She came to Washington last fall as a student and full-time staff member of Emily's List, a political organization that raises funds for candidates.

Miller was murdered when her Ford Explorer was carjacked behind her apartment building as

she returned from a study session close to midnight Oct. 17, 1994.

After two speakers paid tribute to Miller, the others who were gathered were invited to share their thoughts. One student recalled meeting Miller for the first time.

Thorman described Miller's "thirst for knowledge."

"She wanted to learn because she wanted to give back," he said.

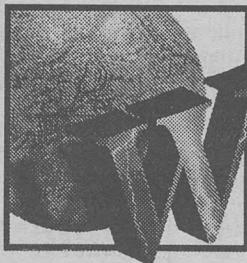
GSPM Associate Dean Dennis Johnson joined the students in remembering Miller. "I've known Meredith longer than anyone," he said, explaining that he was the one who admitted her into the program. "She was a person with an extreme amount of potential."

Johnson said he remained in touch with Miller's family, who live in Tampa, Fla., and "reports back" the good being done in their daughter's name.

In addition to the vigil, the project convinced two members of Congress to give one-minute speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives Tuesday concerning the prevention of violence.

GSPM student Ross Day, who works for Rep. Jim Bunn (R-Ore.), said he asked his boss to read a tribute to Miller. Rep. Sam Givens (R-Fla.), who was Miller's representative, also paid his respects to the slain student.

"It's my own way of remembering my good friend," Day said. He added that the words would be put on a plaque and sent to Miller's family.

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## Speaker explores information warfare

BY ELENI GIAZIKIS  
HATCHET REPORTER

Could a computer really have the power to launch a full-scale war? That was the question several scholars put to students at a seminar in the Marvin Center Tuesday.

Dr. Lance Hoffman, a GW professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and director of the Institute for Computer and Telecommunications Systems Policy, led a discussion on "Information Warfare: Hackers and Crackers and the Projection of Power." The seminar was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. John Alger, a dean at the National Defense University, was the featured speaker. He said the Department of Defense has put increased time, energy and money into understanding the facts of information as an element of power.

Alger said there are three types of information "criminals."

"Hackers are like boys who love their toys for fun. Crackers access control on a larger scale for money. Projectors of power are the ultimate fear of most governments and corporations because they pose incredible security threats," he said.

Comments from the audience

focused on whether a computer really could have that kind of power. Alger said they absolutely could.

Information warfare may redefine the way modern warfare has shifted toward civilian targets, he said. There won't be a need for huge tanks to destroy a high-rise, because taking down a country's air-traffic control or phone systems via computer would be quicker, cleaner and quieter.

Alger pointed out that computers can be compared to soldiers — they both protect valuable targets.

"The Gulf War was the beginning of the info war. A few swift moves and the war was over," Alger said. Can a few swift moves define the end of whatever we hold dear? Who should we be afraid of?

Speaker William Caelli, head of the School of Data Communications in Brisbane, Australia, said he believes the object of war is to find what systems the enemy holds dear and to destroy them. As examples, he pointed out the stock market, private ATM accounts and utility systems.

In the 19th century, we used guns to protect our capital. In 1995, we rely on a computer password and virus detectors to protect our entire country. It is disturbing, Alger and Caelli said, to understand our lives can be saved and destroyed through computers.



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## CRIME LOG

The following crimes were reported to University Police between Oct. 11 and Oct. 17:

### Thefts

- 2100 block of I Street, N.W., Oct. 16. A GW student reported that his parked car was broken into and a \$300 car stereo was stolen.
- Academic Center, Oct. 11. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet, containing \$7 and ID, from the first-floor restroom.
- Burns Law Library, Oct. 12. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet, containing credit cards and ID.
- Funger Hall, Oct. 15. A GW student reported the theft of her purse, containing \$50 and her wallet, from the sixth floor.
- Funger Hall, Oct. 12. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet, containing ID, from the third floor.
- Gelman Library, Oct. 12. A GW student reported the theft of his \$132 jacket from the third floor.
- Guthridge Hall, Oct. 15. A GW student reported the theft of his front bicycle tire, valued at \$125, from the front of the building.
- Rice Hall, Oct. 13. A GW employee reported the theft of two VCRs, valued at \$420.97, from the fifth floor.

- Samson Hall, Oct. 12. A GW student reported the theft of his wallet, containing \$50, credit cards and ID.
- Smith Center, Oct. 13. A GW student reported the theft of his \$350 bicycle.
- Smith Center, Oct. 12. A GW student reported the theft of her \$30 bicycle seat.
- Thurston Hall, Oct. 13. A resident reported the theft of his wallet, containing \$17 and ID, from his first-floor room.
- Thurston Hall, Oct. 12. A resident reported the theft of her wallet, containing ID, from her fourth-floor room.
- Thurston Hall, Oct. 12. A resident reported the theft of \$30 from his room. There were no signs of forced entry.

### Harassment

- Francis Scott Key Hall, Oct. 17. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Mitchell Hall, Oct. 16. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.
- Thurston Hall, Oct. 14. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown person.

## CORRECTION

In the article "Students address issues in the O.J. aftermath" (The GW Hatchet, Oct. 16, p. 5), Program Board Multicultural Affairs Committee Chair Jason Toney should have been quoted as saying blacks "actively rioted" after the Rodney King verdict.

Toney also should have been quoted as saying a news article he read suggested whites will exercise discrimination privately in retaliation for the O.J. verdict.

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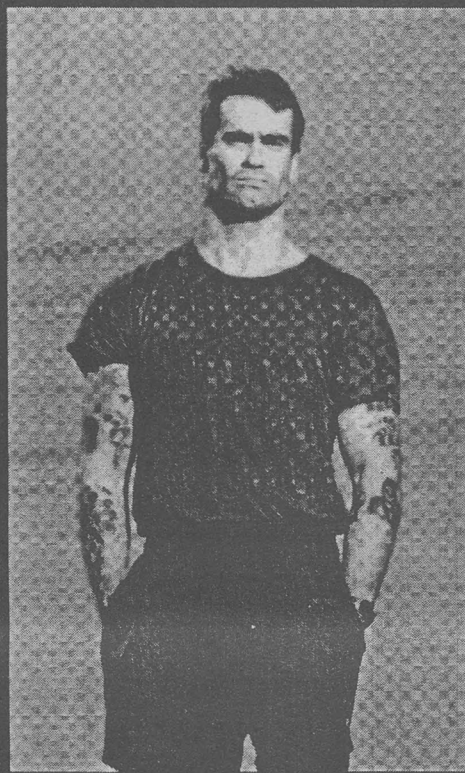
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## GW black men join in march on Mall

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a "wake-up call" and the "rebirth of a generation."

"Our duty right now is to take on the survival of our people. If we don't do it, nobody will. It's up to us," Egwim said.

William Bacquilod, another member of A.N.K.H. Het Auset, asked the crowd to remember the mission of the March even after it is over. He said it is important to take the lessons people learn back to everyday life.

He read a list of 10 things he said people can do after the March to help bring about an end to racism in America. He implored blacks to stop cursing, gossiping and being discourteous to one another.

Bacquilod also said blacks must

stop fighting and killing each other. "People should not fight while they can still talk to one another," he said. "Minimize the conflict among one another."

He also addressed white supremacy, a "local and global power system" that is "the reason for racism." He said white supremacists fear black people and feel the need to act superior.

"They know my hair is stronger. They know my lips are stronger. They know my naturally melanated skin is stronger," he said.

GW students had a range of reasons to attend the march, from supporting black unity to wanting to be a part of history.

Derick Stevenson, a sophomore, said he marched in agreement with the "morals instilled in the day of atonement."

Medical student Kinte Ibbott marched to show "solidarity toward black men because everybody's coming together." He said the March represented positive goals.

"For a change, we're hearing about black men getting together doing something positive," he said, adding that "it's not about endorsing a particular person."

Some students, however, expressed skepticism about the March.

"I'm still confused on the matter of the march," sophomore Darville McShay said Monday morning at the BPU rally. "It's something I should do to stand up as a black man for unity."

Senior Kwame Taylor agreed. "I don't think it will change anything. It can change something if they take political action, but just walking and talking and waving your fist in the air is not going to change anything."

—Monique L. Harding  
contributed to this report.



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## Illinois state government cracks down on fake IDs

(CPS) — A few less underage drinkers will be in campus bars this fall in Illinois.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office announced a sting operation that netted 23 students with fake identification cards that were used to enter bars and purchase alcohol.

Investigators said the students all received their fake IDs from the same source: Scott Varda, a student at Illinois State University.

State officials said Varda stole more than 400 hologrammed laminates from a driver-testing facility in Pekin, Ill., in July 1994 when he was a part-time employee there. Last March, ISU police found 250 laminates, as well as material to create false driver's licenses, in Varda's room. He was charged with theft and official misconduct and faces up to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if he is convicted.

Using the numbers from the stolen laminates as a guide, state police were able to track down 23 students who had been using the fake IDs. The students received the cards by either purchasing them directly from Varda or from other students who bought a group of laminates with the idea of selling them on their own campuses.

The students arrested for possession of the fake IDs are enrolled at the University of Illinois and other colleges in the state. They are being charged with felony possession of stolen state material — and could get three years in prison or \$10,000 in fines if convicted.

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## Students mourn closing of Mr. Henry's

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and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak. On a more serious note, he said "students are resourceful enough to find other establishments ... where they can be entertained."

Chernak said he does not view the closing "with total remorse" since the ABC crackdown may have been a factor.

However, Chernak said that "for those students who are of legal age and can drink ... it was a place close to campus. Hopefully it's not going to create a

situation where students are traveling further from campus to drink."

Director of Residential Life Sheila Curtin said her office "tends to see the after-effects of Mr. Henry's." She referred to students who binge drink and often end up in local emergency rooms.

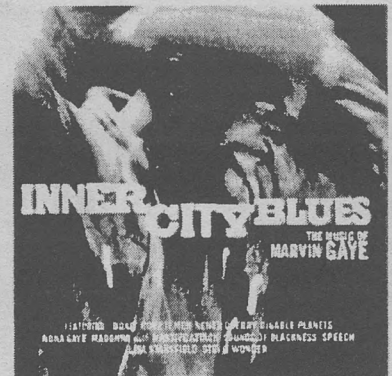
"I'm glad to see that the ABC is finally cracking down on underage drinking. It sets a great example for other bars," Curtin said.

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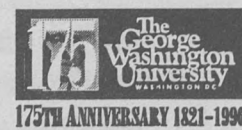
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## After big weekend, GW water polo gets ranked 17th in the nation

The GW men's water polo team received its first-ever ranking from the Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Association this week. The Colonials are ranked 17th in the nation.

The team's record is 14-7 overall. The Colonials have defeated ranked teams such as Slippery Rock, Bucknell, Villanova, Princeton and Queens universities. They finished this year's regular season with a 6-2 record and a first-place tie with Navy in the

Southern Division of the Eastern Water Polo Association. The team is now preparing for the playoffs, which take place in Princeton, N.J., Oct. 28-29.

Last weekend, the Colonials went 2-1 during a three-game homestand at the Smith Center. Their second victory was fueled by a dramatic comeback against Slippery Rock in the fourth quarter.

—Jim Geraghty

## GW rugby brings out best in worst weather

### Team gets first win in second great flood

BY MATTHEW OSBORNE

HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The weather was cloudy and dark, and the field was muddy and wet. Then a merciless barrage of rain began to pound the field. Players had trouble seeing five feet in front of their faces. It was the perfect time for a rugby game.

The GW rugby team won its first game of the season Saturday, defeating Frostburg State University 7-0 at Gravelly Point. The weather was disastrous for much of the game, and the field condition was a factor throughout.

"There were a lot of mistakes made on both sides because of people slipping in the mud and dropping the wet ball. The score would have been a lot higher without all the mistakes," said team captain James Reidy.

The game's only score came when Clayton Henderson recovered the ball in the end zone for a try.

With its record at 1-3, the team is preparing itself for next week's Division 2 Matrix Tournament for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Teams competing include all of GW's fall opponents (University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Johns Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's and Frostburg State), along with the Naval Academy, American University and Salisbury State University.

Reidy talked about the team's possibilities for success Saturday. "It really depends on who we have to play, but if we come out and play strong, we are going to do well. We are a deep team, and talent-wise, we are as good as a lot of teams," he said.

On the whole, Reidy said he thinks the team has improved as the season has progressed.

"It was a rebuilding year, but our new guys picked up experience, and that is starting to really pay off," Reidy said. He also noted the improvement has been especially noticeable in the backfield.

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# SPORTS

## GW women's soccer team finds no common wealth in Virginia, loses 3-0

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The Colonial Women were in dire need of a victory over a credible non-conference opponent coming into Tuesday night's game against the 9th-ranked University of Virginia. A win could have put GW in good shape to make the NCAA tournament, even if they do not end up winning the Atlantic 10 title.

GW looked as if it could play evenly with the Lady Cavaliers for the first half of the game. But a team needs to play well for the entire game in order to win. Virginia was simply too strong for the Colonial Women in the second half and it cruised to a 3-0 victory. The loss dropped GW to 7-6-1 on the year. The Colonial Women are winless in their last six games against non-conference foes.

The first half ended scoreless, as both teams struggled to gain the upper hand. But Virginia came out in the second half with a head of steam, scoring on three of its first five shots to put the Colonial Women away.

Forward Dina Padula put Virginia on the board 10 minutes into the second half as she headed the ball into the upper left corner of the net. The Lady Cavaliers scored again just 55 seconds later when midfielder Jen Gilpatric lofted a 30-yard shot over the head of GW goalkeeper Adrienne Pheil. Midfielder Kelly McLaughlin later scored on another header to make

the final score 3-0.

The Colonial Women, who are known for their offensive firepower, could only manage five shots for the game, but gave Virginia goalie Brit Swenberg all she could handle. Chemar Smith and Kristin Davidson both had excellent scoring chances foiled by expert goal-tending by Swenberg, who had two

saves. Pheil had no saves for the Colonial Women.

The Colonial Women now have only three games remaining in their regular season schedule. Two of these are against ranked, non-conference foes, including Saturday's game at Williamsburg, Va., when GW faces the 12th-ranked College of William and Mary.

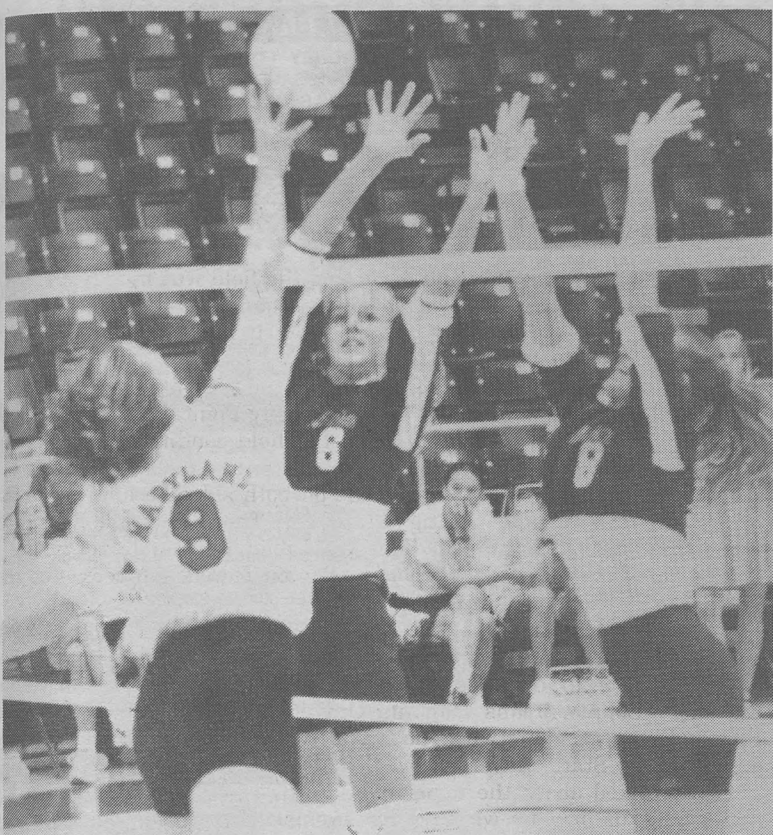


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Megan Korver, Jill Lammert and the rest of the Colonial Women are ready for Virginia Tech this weekend.

## Colonial Women ready for Va. Tech rematch

GW finds self in unusual spot - 2nd in A-10

BY JARED SHER  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW volleyball team is full of interesting stories this year, but the 1995 season has raised two most intriguing questions: Will Svetlana Vtyurina rewrite a piece of NCAA history, and will the Colonial Women successfully defend their Atlantic 10 title?

The team is getting outstanding performances from its freshmen, and is parading towards another NCAA Tournament bid. Yet as they prepare to enter the final weeks of their season, the Colonial Women (16-5) find themselves in unfamiliar territory.

GW is in a tie for second in the new A-10 and already has two conference losses, after finishing first with just one loss a year ago. This Friday, the team faces a pivotal rematch against Virginia Tech, a first-year conference opponent which beat the Colonial Women one month ago.

In that match, GW fell behind by two games before tying the match, only to lose in the fifth and deciding set. The team gets its chance at revenge this weekend, when the Lady Hokies come to the Smith Center.

"That's the beauty of being able to play double round robin," head coach Susie Homan said. "No matter what happens in the first round, you get another chance."

In addition, the Colonial Women are a different team than the one which took the floor in Blacksburg, Va., last month. That match was starting setter Kate Haubenreich's first match of the season, after a back injury kept her sidelined for three weeks. Furthermore, GW relies heavily on a big freshman class, which has also gained valuable on-court experience since then.

"Overall we're a better team," Homan said. "It's real interesting because we've had (A-10) freshmen of the week for the past two weeks. Megan (Korver) by far had the best weekend of her career last week, from start to finish."

Korver joined Mya Eveland with conference honors. Korver is averaging nearly three kills per game this season, and Eveland leads the team with 38 service aces.

Vtyurina, meanwhile, has been compiling another superb season offensively. As part of her incredible chase of the all-time kills record, she has averaged 7.3 kills per game to lead the nation. She is now in third place all-time and needs just 205 to break the record.

"I tend to think it's not a big preoccupation because as long as she stays healthy, she's going to get the record," Homan said. "If (Vtyurina) plays at the top of her game, she can break that record in a way that no one is going to touch it."

This weekend's match presents GW with a chance to take sole possession of second place in the conference. Right now, the Colonial Women are tied with Virginia Tech at 8-2, and Rhode Island leads them both at 10-0.

"We're ready to take a huge step forward," Homan said. "We know we have a lot to prove when we step on the court Friday night."



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Chemar Smith and the GW women's soccer team are still looking for a big non-conference win.



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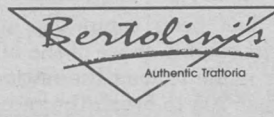
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